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Late on Sunday Evening a Person came to my House and presented Letters of Credit from a John Taylor as Command of His Majesty's Ship Triton desiring the Dearest Sir - John Andrews might be furnished with a Sum necessary to give him the quickest conveyance to London, he being charged with despatches for the Admiralty of the utmost consequence.

His Story respecting his being set on shore, Behaviour and appearance, with the well chosen Time of Night, and the hearty inclinations I felt to do service to the Cause all conspired so as to prevent me from making any Out Door enquiry, taking his Draft for £10 agreeably to his Letters, - and immediately sending him off in a Post Chaise for Town - I have no Time to be particular & sent you this to prevent further attempts for imposition, having traced his Boat several Stages North.

His dress the Uniform of the Navy, except Grey or white Hosiery or Cloth Pantaloon, Black Velvet Sword Belt, handsome embossed Silver Breast Plate, Hanger and a Sword Rich - (of the sort formed by the intestines of Animals put closely over the hand and wrapt with cords till they giving a knotty appearance) it had lost the collar or Hoop at the joint, he is five feet Nine Inches High, well proportioned of dark Complexion, black Eyes about 26 years of Age & is a handsome Man with the <sup>air</sup> and appearance of what he pretends to be and I am convinced has been in the service - I am Sir  
 Your most Obedt Servant  
 Wm. Ward

Custom Ho. Boston 22 Aug<sup>r</sup>  
 1798.



Admiralty Office, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1798

Sir,

Captain Dikkes of His Majesty's Ship Madras having in his Letter to me, dated at Sea the 3<sup>d</sup> February last, transmitted a Copy of the Correspondence which had passed between him and the Attorney General of Grenada, respecting the payment of Wages due to several Men who had entered on board the said Ship at that Island, from the Hannah, Guinea Ship of Liverpool, and at the same time complained of the Conduct of the Attorney General towards him on that occasion; I am commanded by my Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to send you herewith

John King Esq<sup>r</sup>

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a copy of such part of the papers  
above mentioned as relate to the  
conduct of the Attorney General, for  
the information of the Duke of  
Portland. I am

Sir,

Your most humble servant

Edw. Peper



Copy

Madras, at Sun 3 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1790

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Sir,

I troubled you with a letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> last, enclosing an Extract of a letter from the Attorney General of Grenada and copy of my answer, requesting you to lay them before the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty

I had just at that time received a number of Volunteers from a Guinea Ship, and as the Master would not pay them as I thought just, I gave the business to the Attorney General, and on parting with him at his House, I requested him to send the Bills he should receive home at Trinidad, which he promised, from that moment I never heard one word from him until my duty called me to St<sup>h</sup> George the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> when I waited

upon

an African Esq<sup>re</sup>

upon him and asked the reason  
he slightly said he had not  
done any thing for the ship had  
sailed as soon as myself, I  
answered that then I had not  
any thing to do but to take the  
matter to the Admiralty, he said  
I was very welcome for that he  
did not care if he never corre-  
sponded with them again, I  
asked if he wished I should  
relate that answer also, he said  
certainly if I please - I should  
give you with extracts of his letters  
and mind to lay before their  
Lordships, and I trust they will  
judge whether his implied  
threats borne, is becoming His  
Majesty's Officer. - I am &c

John Dillkirk  
Captain



22<sup>d</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1797

Sir

I am applied to in behalf  
of the Master of a Guinea ship lying  
in this Road, who tho' stopping here  
only in his way to Jamaica, is  
detained by you for payment of  
the wages of some of his Sailors  
whom you have Impressed, this  
it is stated he is totally incapable  
of, in the manner you require,  
which is in Cash; he not having  
Credit from his Owners or any  
Merchant here, but that he has  
offered you Bills of Exchange to  
the full Amount upon his Owners  
and it is upon this statement  
that I now take the liberty of  
addressing you - far be it from  
my intention at this time to set  
up the strict right of Exemption  
established by a British Act of  
Parliament

Parliament in favor of the Merchants  
and Traders in the Colonies from  
having their Sailors Impressed  
against the necessity which I am  
well aware, prevails in this part  
of the world, of a large supply of  
Seamen for His Majesty's Service  
nor is the Impressing his Men  
the hardship of which the Masters  
of the Guinea ship does, or his  
Owners (if here) would complain  
but surely, Sir, it is unwarrantable  
upon any ground, as well as  
illegal to detain a ship proceeding  
upon her Voyage, to the probable  
damage of her Owner in a very  
extensive degree, a ship too  
which must more severely feel  
the loss of her Men from the  
circumstance, as I am informed  
of having the Small-pox and  
Measles amongst some numerous  
Cargo as five hundred Negroes  
which



which must necessarily require  
great care and attention to them.

Tho' my professional line of  
duty upon an application of this  
nature, might require another mode  
of address, yet my respect for the  
service of the Navy would not  
allow it, and the confidence I have  
in your compliance with the  
reasonable request it contains  
will, I have no doubt justify it.

I have &c.

A. Cha. Adye

Admiralty Office, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1799

Sir,

Admiral Peyton, Commander  
in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in  
the Downs, having by his Letter  
of yesterday's date, acquainted me  
that Captain Lawford of the  
Romney had received Information  
of a Prussian Vessel which left Dunkirk  
on the 5<sup>th</sup> Instant, that a small  
Merchant Vessel had sailed from  
thence with Ammunition for  
Ireland, and was supposed to have  
got into Flushing; I am commanded  
by my Lords Commissioners of the  
Admiralty to acquaint you therewith  
for the information of the Duke of  
Portland. I am

Sir, Your most humble Servant

William Wickham Esq<sup>r</sup>

Edw Keppel



Extract of a Letter from  
 Sir James Craufurd to  
 Lord Grenville, Hambrough  
 21.<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1798.

They write from Brest  
 that a division of seven Frigates &  
 one Ship of the Line is ready to  
 sail with 3000 Men for Ireland, &  
 that a second Squadron is preparing.

Admiralty Office 11 Sept 1798

Sir

Admiral Peyton Comm<sup>r</sup>  
in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in the  
Channel having transmitted to my Lords  
Commissioners of the Admiralty an  
Extract of a Letter he had received from  
Capt<sup>r</sup> - Leeward, of the Porpoise stating  
that a Brig had sailed from Dunkirk  
with 4000 of Ammunition on board  
supposed for the use of the Enemy in  
Ireland, I am commanded by their  
Lordships to send you herewith a Copy of  
the said Paper for the information of the  
(Devils of Portland, their Lordships having  
reason to be of opinion that the Vessel above  
mentioned is the Arcton.

Yours most Obedient  
Humble Servant  
Evan Teague

Mr Wickham 1798



Extract of a Letter from  
 Capt. Larpent of the *irony*  
 to General Peyton dated  
 off Gravesend 9<sup>th</sup> Sep: 1798

I beg leave to acquaint you  
 I have just received information from  
 a Cruizer Galliot who left Dunkirk  
 yesterday, that a small Merchant Brig  
 laden w<sup>th</sup> Cannon Ammunition &c. sailed  
 from Dunkirk on Wednesday last  
 the 3<sup>th</sup> inst! it was said for Ireland.

On that day it blew strong  
 to the Westward, but before day light  
 the next morning with Wind, variable,  
 & inclinable to Calm, which continued  
 till the afternoon, when a Breeze  
 sprang up Easterly & has continued  
 ever since; She therefore can have made  
 no progress and is, I should imagine  
 put into some Port in Holland,  
 and probably not further than Flushing.

His

His Majesty's ships *Union*  
and *Sandwich* were in sight of the  
Capet on Thursday noon, the *Call*  
and *Luzzon* close in shore, the *Ving*  
& *Terrace* immediately off Dunbar,  
and the *Harpy* & a *Guller* attached  
her, between us: The Merchant  
above-mentioned must therefore have  
gone thro' the Whirlings & a  
uncertain there is a passage of  
13 feet Water within Watcher,  
I doubt it is probable she has  
gone thro' there: I shall send some  
small cruizers off Flushing to  
endeavour to obtain information of  
her, & should you appear thereof  
I will dis. let something of the  
Hook of Holland to give information  
to Lord Duncan's Cruizers that may  
be stationed there.



Admiral Pexlon, Commander  
in Chief of His Majesty's Ships in  
the Downs having, in his letter  
to me of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant transmitted  
the copy of an Order which had  
been given by Captain Lawford  
of the Romney to Lieutenant  
Broughton Commanding His Majesty's  
Brig the Pilote, taking under his  
Orders the Ferrier Armed Brig, —  
for the purpose of intercepting a  
Brig laden with Cannon, Ammunition  
&c. which was supposed to have sailed  
from Dunkirk, and to be destined for  
Ireland; I have their Lordships  
Commanded to send you herewith  
a Transcript of the said Order for

Wm. Wickham Esq

... ..  
... ..

Your most devoted friend  
Eugene V. ...



Admiralty Office 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1798.

Sir,

Having laid before my  
 Lord's Commissioners of the Admiralty  
 your Letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> Inst. respect-  
 ing the convey of the *Minerva* Convict  
 Ship now at Cork to the distance  
 there mentioned upon her Voyage to  
 New South Wales; I am commanded  
 by their Lordships to acquaint you  
 that the Public Service will not admit  
 of their appropriating a Convey for that  
 Ship in the present moment;

And am

Sir,

John King Esq<sup>r</sup>

Your most humble Servant  
 Evan Nevean

Copy

Doodica, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1841  
S. D. E. 4 leagues

Sir

Finding the Cutter has made but very small progress in her passage during the night, that it will not detain her half an hour and may possibly be satisfactory to their Lordships to know that I have not yet (tho' the weather is pretty clear discovered) seen the Fleet I have run to her for the purpose of sending this Letter on board - Tho' my Letter which was written in much haste, I do not recollect any thing of consequence that was omitted - It may likewise be necessary to observe that altho' my Order to Captain Banningham specified generally Ireland, it was nevertheless determined that he should by all means consider the

Even African Coast

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making Cape Clear where I understood  
 it was probable he would fall in with  
 some of our ships, a primary object  
 unless subsequent information or  
 improvements should arise, and under  
 such an object of less magnitude. For  
 the better reconciling the Orders and  
 Letter I enclosed It may likewise be  
 necessary to observe that until I fell in  
 with Captain Cunningham, I had  
 no reason to conclude so determinately  
 that the Enemy's Ships were bound to  
 Ireland. - Concluding the Fleet  
 must have been forced to the Eastward  
 in the late Gale or that it has put  
 into Portage, I shall proceed to look for  
 it accordingly. I am &c

N. J. Keats



Admiralty Office, 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 1798

Sir

Having laid before my Lords  
Commissioners of the Admiralty your  
Letter to me of the 8<sup>th</sup> Instant, inclosing  
by the direction of the Duke of Portland  
a Letter to you from Colonel  
Brownrigg, with a Petition to His  
Royal Highness the Duke of York  
from some Prisoners of War at Norman-  
burgh, who are Natives of Germany;  
I have their Lordships Commands to  
acquaint you, for His Grace's Infor-  
mation, that orders have been given  
for the release of the several persons  
in question. I am,

Sir

I herewith return  
the Papers which  
accompanied your  
aid Letter.

Your most humble Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Evan Kepear

William Wickham Esq<sup>r</sup>